

# **MISSOURI FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA**

## **THE LEGISLATIVE SHADOWING PROJECT February 26-27, 2008**

The 2007-2008 State Executive Council has approved continuing the Legislative Shadowing Project. Missouri FCCLA participants will have the opportunity to participate in an orientation session on Tuesday evening, February 26 and will shadow a legislator on Wednesday, February 27. By involving Missouri Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members in the legislative shadowing project, members will expand their capabilities in understanding, interpreting and setting public policy focused on family, work and social issues related to building strong communities. Participants will see how the skills learned in family and consumer sciences, as well as those learned and refined in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, serve to assist individuals as they become an advocate for family, career and community issues. This FCCLA program reflects items 1, 2 and 3 of Goal 4 of the Missouri Show-Me Standards and integrates family and consumer sciences content. (Goal 4: Students in Missouri public schools will acquire the knowledge and skills to make decisions and act as responsible members of society.) Students will demonstrate within and integrate across all content areas the ability to 1) explain reasoning and identify information used to support decisions; 2) understand and apply the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in Missouri and the United States; and 3) analyze the duties and responsibilities of individuals in societies.

The objectives of this program are as follows:

1. Increase FCCLA member awareness of state government and the political process.
2. Interpret the duties of elected officials or policy makers.
3. Develop awareness of current issues, especially those relating to families.
4. Explore career options within public service.
5. Educate local chapters, school, and/or communities about the impact of the shadowing experience.

### **Eligibility**

Only affiliated (paying regional, state and national dues) Missouri FCCLA members who are in their junior or senior year of high school are eligible to apply. Only two applications are allowed per chapter. Participants will be required to verify membership by the date set by the state advisor before the legislative shadowing project occurs. All applications must be postmarked on or before **January 15, 2008**.

### **Selection Process**

Members will be chosen for this program, ideally representing all of the 13 Missouri FCCLA regions. Each applicant will complete the enclosed application form and must have it returned postmarked by January 15, 2008. After January 30, 2008, letters will be sent to all applicants confirmation participation status. A copy will be sent to the chapter advisor.

## **Date, Location and Budget**

The Legislative Shadowing Project will take place February 26-27, 2008, in Jefferson City. Participants will be expected to arrive in Jefferson City in time to attend the project orientation; dinner and workshop at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. The budget for this project will cover the lodging costs (according to a rooming list) for the students and advisors. Students will be roomed together in quad lodging, and advisors will be paired together in double lodging. The state advisor will prepare the rooming lists. Dinner on February 26 is included in the project budget, but participants and advisors will be responsible for any other meal costs. All participants must attend with a chaperone (advisor, school faculty, parent or other as determined by the local school district.) Students will be expected to adhere to a code of conduct while in attendance. Optional educational tours will be offered on February 26.

## **Project Schedule**

October-January	Publicize program and distribute applications via website
January 15	Applications due, postmarked
January 30	Letters sent to all applicants with list of participants and preparatory information
February	Coordination of shadowing assignments and notification to participants
February 26-27	Legislative Shadowing Project Implementation
April 15	Legislative Shadowing Follow-up reports due to state office

## **Tentative Legislative Shadowing Project Schedule**

### Tuesday, February 26, 2008

12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Optional Tours and Capitol Plaza Hotel check in
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner, program and speaker
11:00 p.m.	Curfew

### Wednesday, February 27, 2008

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own) and check out of hotel
8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Shadowing
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Follow-up, evaluations and sharing time, experience concludes

After the shadowing experience in Jefferson City, participants are expected to follow-up by completing activities to educate or inform their chapter, school and/or community about the project. Students will then submit copies of these activities to the state office by April 15.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Christine Hollingsworth, State Advisor. Phone: 573/751-7964. E-mail: [christine.hollingsworth@dese.mo.gov](mailto:christine.hollingsworth@dese.mo.gov). Remember - all applications are due postmarked on or before January 15, 2008, and only two applications are allowed per chapter.

**Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America**  
**Application for Legislative Shadowing Experience**  
**(Application must be typed, can be computer generated)**

Participant Name: <sup>Miss</sup> Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Home Address and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ (Use entire 9 digit zip code – find yours at <http://www.usps.com/zip4/>)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Missouri FCCLA Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Shadowing Preference (will be considered in assignment process): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Representative

☐ Senator

☐ Elected or Appointed Official

2007-08 grade in school: ☐ Junior (11<sup>th</sup> Grade) ☐ Senior (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Number of years as an FCCLA member: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

List family and consumer sciences courses you have taken:

1. Participation and/or offices held in FCCLA:  
Chapter:

Regional:

State/National:

2. Please tell us in 50 words or less why you want to be chosen for this program.

3. List any activities or projects you have been involved in outside of FCCLA that would relate to the Legislative Shadowing program or to your potential assignment.

4. If chosen for this program it is likely that you will be asked many questions regarding Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. If someone were to ask you why FCCLA is hosting a Legislative Shadowing project, what would you say? If asked your opinion about the importance of family and consumer sciences education, how would you respond?

If chosen for this program you are expected to participate in all parts of the Legislative Shadowing Project. By signing this application, you agree to follow the FCCLA Conduct Code, participate in the project on February 26-27, and fulfill the follow-up activities to publicize your experiences to your chapter, school and/or community. You also agree to make arrangements with your local school administration/faculty for any missed work during your absence.

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Applicant's Signature and Date

We support the applicant for participation in the Legislative Shadowing Project.

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Advisor Signature and Date

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School Administrator Signature and Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature and Date

Return Postmarked, by January 15, 2008, to:

Christine Hollingsworth, Missouri FCCLA State Advisor  
Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102

## CONDUCT/PROCEDURES CODE

The Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America requires each Legislative Shadowing Project applicant to read and complete this form.

1. All student participants are required to wear a business suit or official state/national FCCLA uniform on the day of the shadowing. Business casual attire is acceptable for the orientation and tours.
2. There shall be no defacing of property. Any damages to any property or furnishing in hotel rooms, meeting rooms or conference locations must be paid by the individual responsible and may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
3. Participants shall be prompt and prepared for all activities. What you do and how you do it should leave a good impression.
4. Participants must be in their sleeping rooms and quiet at curfew. The state advisor will establish curfew.
5. No tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or narcotics in any form shall be possessed at any time, under any circumstances, while representing the local school and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Possession of such substances may subject the individual to criminal prosecution and will result in being sent home at your own expense.
6. Once in attendance at the FCCLA activity, participants will not leave the premises without their advisor or other designated adult.
7. Male and female participants may not be in the same sleeping room unless the door is open and an advisor/sponsor is present in the room.
8. Violation of the above may result in being sent home at your own expense, referral to the appropriate authorities, or other action deemed appropriate by the chapter advisor, school administration or state FCCLA advisor.

"I have read and fully understand Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Conduct Code and agree to comply with these conduct guidelines. Furthermore, I am aware of the consequences that will result from violation of any of the above guidelines."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

We approve the student named above to attend state approved Family, Career and Community Leaders of America activities. We agree to the provisions as stipulated in the Conduct Code.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Chapter Advisor's Signature

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School Administrator